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Given the Galveston spill in 2014, the Bakken oil train spills, Refugio spill in 2015, and now Saskatchewan spill in 2016, there are technologies as recommended by BP and the American Petroleum Institute that have been repeatedly proven in real world spills (see attached information as presented to EPA region 2 RRT meeting in the United States and discussed recently at an EPA region 9 RRT meeting).

Open-Cell OPFLEX eelgrass is one such technology that can mitigate the spread of oil and shoreline impact now. This technology has been proven over and over again in real world spills and at OHMSETT in 2014.

Please see the very simple pictures of the testing at OHMSETT that show oil escaping the white booms with just moderate waves/current compared to the Open-Cell OPFLEX Eelgrass (which can be easily and quickly connected to white and orange booms and work in conjunction with the white and orange booms).

Not only can these proven technologies as recommended by BP and the API work to better protect the environment, insurance carriers of the responsible parties are starting to take notice of the millions of dollars that can be saved by requiring advanced planning and deploying these proven technologies when there is an oil spill incident.

I am available 24/7 to follow up on any current oil spill incidents and what you can do now to prepare in advance so shoreline impact can be mitigated when there is an oil spill incident.

Best Regards,

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